

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 and 9 are cancelled; Claims 13-27 are new.

Support for new Claims 13-17 is found, for example, at specification page 6, lines 6-10. Support for new Claim 18 is found, for example, at specification page 10, lines 17-8. Support for new Claims 19-20 is found, for example, at specification page 14, lines 16-20. Support for new Claim 21 is found, for example, at Claim 7. Support for new Claim 22 is found, for example, at specification page 14, line 33 through page 15, line 17. Support for new Claims 23-25 is found, for example, at specification page 15, lines 29-34. Support new Claims 26 and 27 is found, for example, at Claim 7.

No new matter is added.

The obviousness rejection of Claims 7-12 as being unpatentable in view of Hibst and Nelson is traversed. As described by the Office at page 2 of the Official Action, Hibst "constitutes prior art only under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)." Hibst and the present application are co-owned by BASF Akiengesellschaft. Accordingly, Applicants request removal of Hibst as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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